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Navigation

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1. The marker buoy at the entrance to Constanta harbor was in a position agreeing with Nemedri. The southernmost buoy, according to description, should be a light buoy but there was no light in it when [redacted] ship passed.

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Naval

2. On 2 September 1954, three naval vessels lay at anchor and moored aft along the north-south pier. [redacted]

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The vessels, which were alike, had a relatively high aft with one raised section and one cannon. The cannon was not in a gun position but there was a quarterdeck revetment around the raised section. The raised section of the bridge began with a low "step" and continued aft as two ledges, bridge and top bridge.

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3. On the bridge there was a signal mast with one or more yards. The drop down from aft to the main deck was abreast of the forward half of the raised section of the bridge. Abreast of the after half there was a lifeboat in its davits. The stack was a little aft of the bridge and aft of the stack there was a raised section with a gun. This [redacted] looked like an Oerlikon machine cannon. In addition, there was a raised section aft with a cannon which resembled the one on the foredeck. The aft end was rounded off (see sketch).

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4. [redacted] 3 September [redacted] evening three naval vessels entered the harbor from a northeasterly direction. They moored along the pier inland [redacted] and were difficult to see [redacted]. The three vessels were [redacted]

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foredeck, raised bridge with two ledges, a signal mast on the bridge, behind the stacks there was a small cannon, larger than the Oerlikon, and behind this one there was a cannon which could be of the same caliber, or possibly a little less, as the one on the foredeck. Steam was escaping from a hole in the sides of ships [redacted]

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5. On one of these vessels [redacted] a cylinder about three meters long which lay horizontally between the stacks. Centrally below the cylinders sat a man who turned a wheel which turned the cylinder around on a horizontal plane.

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[redacted] All the naval vessels were painted the same bluish color. An oil-lighter, of about 500 tons dead weight [redacted]

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6. There were two submarine nets from the light farthest out on the small part of the pier to the light on the starboard side of the entrance channel. On the inside corner where the small pier goes over to the large one, there was a large tangle with the same type of net.

Shipping

7. A Russian tanker of 15,000 to 16,000 tons dead weight lay in the harbor on 2 September and left during the night of 3 September. Later in the day on 3 September, two more Russian tankers arrived, one of about 5,000 tons dead weight and another of about 3,000 tons dead weight. The larger of these left on the morning of 4 September and the smaller one stayed until the afternoon of that day.

8. At the New Quay [redacted] merchant ships were loading lumber. There were also [redacted] tankers in the harbor. At the end of the pier north of New Quay there was a three-masted bark, presumably a training ship. An old yacht was moored at the pier which juts out from the "Port Office." There was a large group of civilians aboard and an orchestra. It was said that the vessel had at one time belonged to the Rumanian King.

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The Harbor

9. At the end of the wide part of the north-south pier there was a large signal tower about as high as a five story house. Along by the pier more houses or buildings were visible than the Admiralty Chart of Constanta Anchorage indicates. About 50 to 60 meters in from the northernmost corner of the harbor there is a tall and singular building. In the center of the facade, there was a large red star. [redacted] many service men go in and out of the building.
10. Beyond the south side of the pier and north of New Quay there was a mud-barge and just to the inside of it was a dredging apparatus with a scoop in operation. At the pier there were construction or improvement works underway. A scoop was being used here also. Along the south side of New Quay there was a railroad line. [redacted] only one track. Railroad cars loaded with timber came along the track and returned empty. On the inside of the oil pier a long ditch had been dug as far back [redacted] A pipeline of about four inches diameter had been laid in the trench. Men in military uniforms were doing the work.

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Controls

11. A guard in an olive-drab uniform was stationed at the lights on each side of the harbor entrance.
12. A list was made up of those of the crew who wished to go ashore. Thirteen men received permission to land. It appeared that there was no system of choosing the 13 men from among those who had put their names on the list. One man with permission to land decided at the last minute that he did not want to go ashore but his pass was not given to another man.

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Miscellaneous

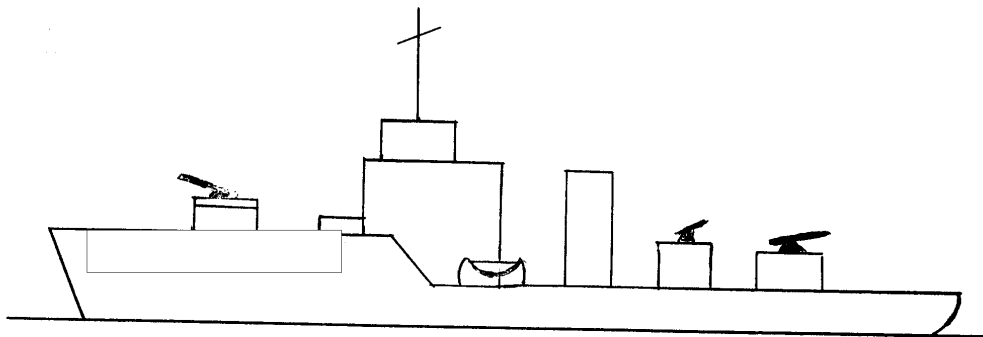
13.  the Russians who were in Constanta had occupied the newest houses in the town.

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Sketch



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